

Albion

Annual Report of the Editor for 2002-2003

This report covers the publication of volume 34 for 2002 and the fiscal year July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003.

The Albion web site remains an essential tool for all scholars and others seeking information about British Studies. The journal=s index on the site is fully searchable and it corrects any errors that may have made their way into the printed editions. The site links to both NACBS and JBS web sites. We will update and maintain the website with its valuable index after the journal has ceased publication for a short while; but since it has an Appalachian hosting NACBS might want to consider whether it wants to continue making the index available after that time on its own website.

I am preparing now for the transfer of editorial and reviewing responsibilities in 2004. Next year will see the last volume of the journal, volume 36, whose contents are filling. I have no idea what will be required of me in the transfer, but I expect I will be told about deadlines, contacts, etc..

Article submissions grew slightly from last year=s all-time low of 48 submissions to 59. There was again an increase in submissions by graduate students, mostly those nearing completion of their theses and preparing to seek employment. There is, indeed, life among British historians, and it is a pity that more outlets for their work are not available

Thirteen articles were printed in volume 34, three by U.K. authors and 2 by authors resident in Turkey and Australia. The other article authors were residents of North America. Of these articles two concerned the medieval period, four the early modern period (with one of these being the presidential address given last year by Professor Peck), one with the eighteenth century, three with the nineteenth century, and three with the twentieth century.

There were 277 reviews of 285 books published in this volume, which is similar to the figures for the previous year. We continue to review across fields, emphasizing the humanities more than the social sciences, and continuing this journal=s identification with disciplines dominant in the term British studies. Of our reviewers, 201 were North Americans, 67 were from the U.K., and 9 were from other places in the world. The trend for there to be greater publication in early modern subjects continues, as well. This volume saw thirty-six reviews in medieval subjects, sixty-one early modern, forty-one eighteenth century, fifty-nine nineteenth century, fifty-eight twentieth century, fifteen were concerned with Celtic areas in all time periods, and seven were concerned with imperial subjects. Our review failure rate remained at about 4%.

Subscriptions by institutions and NACBS members remain strong. As of August 31, 2003 the figures were:

NACBS member subscribers	944
Institutions U.S.A.	303

Institutions foreign	100
Gratis/Exchange	49
TOTAL	1,396

Our financial position continues steady, and our office continues to benefit from the superb help of Patricia Quinn, who manages the scheduling, correspondence, reviews, and business affairs very effectively. We also employ a graduate assistant for twelve hours a week. Printing costs have remained about the same, but postage costs have risen considerably, especially for mailing review books and the journal. It is crucial to have reliable mail delivery, which for the most part is provided by the USPS. But for overseas mail we are pleased with the service of our bulk mail shipper, whose work continues to make our overseas claims nearly non-existent.

We have been hit hard by the bankruptcy of Rowe-Com, just like every other scholarly journal. Indeed, nearly every other periodical that dealt with Rowe-Com. The cost of the thirty-two subscriptions for which libraries paid Rowe-Com, but which Rowe-Com did not pay to us due to their declaration, was \$2,720. Like the editor of the American Historical Review reported to the AHA Council, a decision to continue the subscriptions in order for those libraries affected to keep a full run of the journal and as a service to the scholarly community seemed the only possible way to respond to this situation. Since the monetary loss is to be for only the 2003 year, and the debt will not break the journal, I decided to follow the lead of the AHR. The subscription agency EBSCO made arrangements with the courts to assume liability for overseas subscriptions formerly handled by Rowe-Com, and EBSCO has paid for those subscriptions. Apparently, the situation was more difficult for settling outstanding issues with U.S.A. subscribers; but EBSCO has now made arrangements acceptable to the court to assume those subscriptions for the 2004 year and after. As the financial statement below attests, we remain in good financial shape.

July 1, 2002- June 30, 2003

Cash on Hand 7/1/2002

\$33,950.26

Income:

Journal:

Subscriptions	\$31,263.00	
Other Income	868.73	
Advt. Income		1,320.00
Interest Earned	1,353.79	

SUBTOTAL		\$34,805.52	
NACBS members		\$22,410.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$57,215.52	
Expenses:			
Printing		\$18,800.00	
Postage		11,216.20	
Salaries/Taxes		14,619.50	
Grad. Asst.			6,000.00
Reassigned Time Purchase	6,000.00		
Travel			3,039.17
Supplies		1,093.36	
Data Processing	865.59		
Subscriptions		812.00	
Dues/Fees		774.48	
Equipment		455.68	
Telephone		457.72	
Equip. Maintenance	618.65		
Miscellaneous			28.17
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$64,780.52	
Cash on Hand 6/30/2003			\$26,385.26

Submitted by

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